

of Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's South Patient Tower. The South Patient Tower is an eight-story, contemporary-styled facility that features 208 private, technologically integrated and enhanced patient care rooms, which provide ample space for the family and friends who we know are vital to the healing process. This patient-centered and technologically advanced addition highlights this hospital's dedication to administering a high-quality health care experience to members of our community.

Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital is an award-winning facility that has provided expert and compassionate care to the citizens of the Pontiac area for more than 85 years. In that time the hospital has chosen to focus its efforts on quality, patient safety and cost-efficiency. In doing so it has become nationally recognized for the high level of care that it provides and as a leader in Cardiology, Critical Care, Women's Health and Orthopedics. The South Patient Tower builds on that tradition, and illustrates Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's longstanding commitment to providing the best care possible to the community.

This South Patient Tower is the culmination of the Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's ongoing commitment to medical excellence. A major feature of the tower is the deployment of the most advanced integrated medical technology, which will transform the future of health care. The Intelligent Care System technology that this facility will employ creates the most technologically advanced health environment in the country. In doing so, hospital staff will be empowered to bring a new level of responsive, proactive, collaborative and innovative care to the patients that they serve.

Additionally, Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital has chosen to invest in efforts to enhance every aspect of a patient's health care experience through their Healing Arts program. By recognizing that the physical environment is an integral part of the hospital experience, Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital has taken efforts to create a calming atmosphere and restorative environment for patients through the integration of intentional art, architecture and esthetic.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud to celebrate and recognize the opening of Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's South Patient Tower. This institution is dedicated to putting patient care at the forefront of its mission and efforts, and by choosing to invest in the future of health care Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital continues its commitment to being an exceptional place to come for healing of body, mind and spirit.

RECOGNIZING BRIDGESTONE
AMERICAS WILSON, NORTH
CAROLINA FACILITY ON THE OC-
CASION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVER-
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HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bridgestone Americas, one of our nation's leading tire manufacturers, as it celebrates the 40th anniversary of its pas-

senger and light truck tire plant in my hometown of Wilson, North Carolina.

I have represented the Wilson plant for nearly ten years and am reminded each time I pass it on my way to Washington, DC the impact it has had on the City of Wilson and Wilson and Edgecombe Counties, and indeed the state of North Carolina.

For 40 years, the Wilson plant has built a reputation for producing superior, high quality products that help protect drivers, passengers, and pedestrians in my state of North Carolina, across the country, and throughout the world.

The Wilson plant produced its first tire on March 1, 1974. Since then, Bridgestone Americas' Wilson plant has grown to be Wilson County's second largest employer and has provided good paying, stable jobs for thousands of people that call eastern North Carolina home.

Bridgestone Americas' Wilson facility is massive, spanning some 500 acres with two and a half million square feet of workspace. In January 2014, the plant received the highly sought and prestigious "Zero Waste to Landfill" certification by Underwriter Laboratories.

Bridgestone Americas is committed to environmental sustainability so much so that the men and women who work at the Wilson plant developed the land surrounding the facility into the Freedom Wildlife Habitat and Refuge. The area was certified as a "Corporate Lands for Learning and Wildlife at Work" site by the U.S. Wildlife Habitat Council. I am particularly proud of the Wilson employees who contributed their time and resources to make our region a better place to live and work.

Without question, Bridgestone Americas and their facility in Wilson, North Carolina have contributed greatly to our state and national economies. The Wilson plant is an integral part of our community and a great corporate partner for our region.

I am so pleased to recognize Bridgestone Americas' 40th year of manufacturing passenger and light truck tires in their Wilson facility and look forward to sharing in many more of their achievements.

HONORING BESS ENLOE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bess Enloe who was honored last night at the 2014 Southern Methodist University Meadows School of the Art's benefit gala located at the Meyerson Symphony Center. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Ms. Enloe currently chairs the Executive Board of the SMU Meadows School for the Arts and is a Life Trustee of the Dallas Theater Center. She is currently the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the AT&T Performing Arts Center, where she co-chairs the Development Committee. Previously, she chaired the Facilities Committee for the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre.

Ms. Enloe's contributions have enriched the Dallas-area's culture. The fine arts is a key component in improving learning throughout all academic areas. Evidence of its effectiveness in reducing student dropout, raising stu-

dent attendance, developing better team players, enhancing student creativity, and producing a more prepared student for the workplace. In Congress, I have always advocated for sustained investments in the arts and humanities.

Ms. Enloe has been an energetic leader and supporter of many of Dallas' arts groups throughout the years and deserves to be commended for her contributions to the community. Over the years Ms. Enloe has been the recipient of several prestigious awards in recognition of her work, including the TACA Silver Cup Award in 1993, the TITAS Award for Excellence in 2007 and the Dallas Historical Society's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 2009. Mr. Speaker, our country is a better one because we have a Bess Enloe.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBBI
O'DONOHUE FOR HER THIRTY
YEARS OF SUCCESS AND SERV-
ICE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding small business headquartered in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, which I have the honor and privilege of serving. Awards & T-Shirts Specialists, Inc. is celebrating thirty years of successful business. Their founder and owner, Debbi O'Donohue, is the driving force behind this nationally recognized company.

As elected leaders, it is important for us to salute successful businesses such as Awards & T-Shirts Specialists, Inc. The entrepreneurial spirit of Debbi and her company is truly what makes our country great.

Their founder and owner, Debbi O'Donohue, started Awards & T-Shirts on March 3, 1984 as a trophy business in her parents' basement. It rapidly expanded three months later to offer screen-printed apparel and custom-made awards. Today, this company is the premier provider of American-made and union-decorated promotional products in the United States, having customers in all fifty states and Canada.

Debbi was a trailblazer in 1986 when Awards & T-Shirts Specialists signed their first union contract. She became the first female owned and operated contractor in the Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council. Specializing in serving the unions' niche and related companies and organizations, Awards & T-Shirts has continued to expand and enhance its high-quality American and union made products, outstanding service, and creative image designs over the past thirty years.

Awards & T-Shirts' impressive record of delivering proven results has elevated their company to become a national leader in the promotional marketing industry that is highly sought after for conferences, special events, golf tournaments, and workforce motivational programs.

The amazing thirty years of success of Awards & T-Shirts Specialists can be directly attributed to Debbi and her boundless energy and captivating personality. She leads by example, inspiring dedication and determination in her staff.

It is one thing for a business to be successful; it is another milestone to achieve thirty years of success. Probably the greatest good is demonstrated by what a person gives back to the community. Debbi and Awards & T-Shirts have always demonstrated a commitment to supporting our community through sponsorship of youth sports teams, donations to community organizations, and a dedication to charitable giving by being the lead sponsor for the Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Labor Day Softball Tournament and Bowl-A-Thon.

Awards & T-Shirts' 30th Anniversary Celebration on April 26th continued this dedication to giving back through a benefit for the Autism Society—The Heartland. It was my pleasure and honor to join Debbi, her family, and team along with customers from around the country for this wonderful endeavor.

If the Speaker and my colleagues will indulge me, I would like to highlight one of my personal experiences with Debbi and her team. She and her dedicated staff came to the rescue of our Congressional Art Competition by producing the awards ribbons for the event at a moment's notice. As a woman owned business and a union signatory contractor that provides a full benefit package to their employees, Awards & T-Shirts Specialist, Inc. is a model for all small businesses in our country. The company's legacy is reflected in their customers, and I am proud to have benefitted from their outstanding craftsmanship, innovative and creative designs, and extraordinary dedication to the highest quality products.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me, as I am honored and proud to be saluting and applauding Debbi O'Donohue and Awards & T-Shirts Specialists, Inc. for thirty years of successful business.

RECOGNIZING THE ROUND LAKE AREA SCHOOLS 2014 FINE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Round Lake Area Schools' commitment to quality education and the arts. The Round Lake Area Schools, located in the suburban Chicago district I represent, will host its first annual Fine Arts Extravaganza. This program will offer an area-wide exhibition of student artwork, highlighting the extraordinary talents of our young people.

Including visual and performing arts, dance, drama and music, the Fine Arts Extravaganza is a showcase for the creative and artistic expressions of Round Lake Area students. The school district includes more than 7,000 students attending five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

The study and appreciation of the arts is a bedrock quality of an expansive, well-rounded education fostering independent thought and self-expression. Our children's future prospects, and the future of our communities, are enriched when we all understand and appreciate the arts.

In the student art competition that I host, I am consistently struck by the excellence and thoughtfulness of the submitted works, and I

know that our community is filled with outstanding artists at every grade level. The 2014 Round Lake Area Schools Fine Arts Extravaganza offers another exciting opportunity to showcase much of that talent and cultivate a breeding ground for future artistic endeavors.

I am grateful for the Round Lake community's commitment to the arts and to student artists, and I am excited for many future Fine Arts Extravaganzas.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today is Yom Ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is a day to commemorate the millions of Holocaust victims and heroes.

In the United States, Yom Ha'Shoah is observed with events in cities and states around the country. In the Los Angeles area, home to approximately 10,000 survivors, the Museum of the Holocaust held a Walk of Remembrance and a day of activities at its memorial in Pan Pacific Park.

In Washington, DC, Yom Ha'Shoah is commemorated as part of the Days of Remembrance sponsored by U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The theme of this year's event is, "Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses." As we reflect on our country's action and inaction in the face of genocide, we study how to recognize extremism and respond before it is too late.

Holocaust Remembrance Day comes this year amidst recent acts of anti-Semitism, both at home and abroad. Earlier this month in Kansas City, three people were killed by a gunman in a tragic shooting outside of the Jewish Community Center.

In Ukraine, as the interim government attempts to return stability and democracy to its borders, we have seen groups exhibiting violence, intimidation and propaganda towards Ukrainian Jews. The international community's condemnation has been swift and unequivocal. Nevertheless, these incidents and others serve as a poignant reminder that our obligation to teach the history of the Holocaust and fight intolerance remains ongoing.

As Congress prepares to assemble for the Days of Remembrance memorial service, we rise today to honor the lives of the victims and heroes of the Holocaust. We pay tribute to them by proclaiming that the American response will forever be, "Never again."

HONORING THEODORE DAY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a small-town hero. After 20 years of exceptional service, Theodore Day has earned his Life Membership to the Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company.

Ted became a volunteer fire fighter with the department in 1994. Since then he has logged

in 21,000 hours serving the residents of the village of Gales Ferry and the town of Ledyard, Connecticut. Ted has responded to over 1,700 emergencies, including fires, motor vehicle crashes and hazardous materials releases. His skills and sharp instincts have been an asset to the department, enabling Ted to save lives and minimize damage to property. His courage and dedication earned him the title of Fire Fighter of the Year for 2002 and 2003.

In 2007, Ted was named Deputy Fire Chief. A strong advocate for the Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company, Ted has applied for grants and relentlessly pursued all avenues to save the department money. In tight budget years, Ted was able to keep the fire company running smoothly without sacrificing public safety.

In addition to his work with the Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company, Ted Day is a dedicated husband to his wife Tiffany and father to their children, Mason and Lia. I ask that my colleagues join with me in honoring Theodore Day for his dedication and outstanding service to the Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company and the community it serves.

RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA CUSTOMS BROKERS AND FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association (FCBF) on its successful 55th Annual Gala.

FCBF was founded in 1960 by several Miami brokers and forwarders. Since then, it has thrived as a positive forum for the interchange of ideas; a promoter greater industry knowledge and ideals; and a powerful advocate on behalf of brokers and forwarders.

From these humble beginnings, FCBF has grown into one of the most influential and active members of the Florida freight forwarding and customs brokerage community. FCBF's active and experienced volunteer professionals have been at the forefront of matters that directly affect their industry, encouraging the development of common sense international trade policies that can help our nation thrive and protect our fragile economic recovery. Its professionals are equally committed to fostering positive working relationships amongst the trade community and federal agencies, creating a healthier environment for economic development and job creation in our state and our nation. Small business owners like customs brokers and forwarders are vital to our South Florida economy and it will be through their success that we will be able to realize true private sector jobs growth.

FCBF's annual gala celebrated over half a century of accomplishment and included the induction of John Ballestero of PortMiami, Lilly Cabrera of Lilly & Associates, Nelly Yunta of Customized Brokerage, Raymond Jones of Florida East Coast Railway, and Jorge Rodriguez into its hall of fame. FCBF was also proud to recognize the contributions of both Florida East Coast Railway and Florida Governor Rick Scott.

Congratulations again to the Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association on its